

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information. The title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. Claims 4, 5, and 7-9 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the specification, the title, and the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

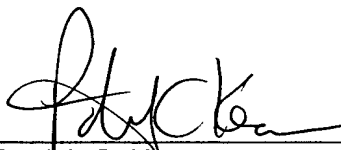
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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